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EXAMINING GROUP 1638
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JOHN R. BOOTH ET. AL.

CASE NO.: BB1476USNA

APPLICATION NO.: 09/934900

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8096

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: ELIZABETH F. MCELWAIN FILED: AUGUST 22, 2001

FOR: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES OF A
NEW CLASS OF DIVERGED DELTA-9
STEAROYL-ACP DESATURASE GENES

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2004. Entry of this Response After Final is respectfully requested on the ground that it puts the claims in form for allowance. In the alternative, it is believed to put the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support thereof.

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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